



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q83325

Yoshiyuki OGUCHI, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/508,859

Group Art Unit: 2871

Confirmation No.: 8700

Examiner: Nathanael R. Briggs

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For: METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY DEVICE,
SUBSTRATE FOR LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY DEVICE, METHOD FOR
MANUFACTURING SUBSTRATE FOR LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY DEVICE, AND
SPACER PARTICLE DISPERSION

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Please review and enter the following remarks summarizing the Interview conducted on
January 3, 2007:

REMARKS

An Examiner's Interview Summary Record (PTO-413) was mailed to Applicant's
representative on January 8, 2007.

During the Interview, the following was discussed:

1. Brief description of exhibits or demonstration: None
2. Identification of claims discussed: Independent claims 1, 7, and 11.
3. Identification of art discussed: Okabe and Sakamoto.
4. Identification of principal proposed amendments: None.

5. Brief Identification of principal arguments:

With respect to independent claim 1, Applicant's representative discussed the presence of the evaporative step in the claim.

With respect to independent claim 7, Applicant's representative discussed the definitions of θ_a and θ_b and how the references did not appear to contain subject matter corresponding to those definitions.

With respect to independent claim 11, Applicant's representative discussed the recitations within the claims regarding (1) a vinyl-based thermoplastic resin, (2) formed by free radical polymerizing vinyl-based monomers having a hydrophilic functional group or vinyl-based monomers having a hydrophilic functional group and an alkyl group having 3 to 22 carbon atoms, (3) combined with the surface of an inorganic fine particle and/or an organic fine particle by graft polymerization. Applicant's representative noted how the cited prior art did not appear to include these elements of the claim.

6. Indication of other pertinent matters discussed: None.

7. Results of Interview: Applicant's representative indicated that following discussion of the substance of the Interview with Applicant, Applicant may file a formal Response to the Office Action.

It is respectfully submitted that the instant STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§1.2 and 1.133 and MPEP §713.04.

It is believed that no petition or fee is required. However, if the USPTO deems otherwise, Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which may be required to

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maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee, except for the Issue Fee, for such extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880.


Respectfully submitted,

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